ernment. A Working Group has been constituted in NABARD to frame service rules, finalise promotion policy and also attend to other matters arising out of the implementation of the Award of the National Industrial Tribunal.

Violation of Company Law by M/s. Mohan Meakin Ltd.

1383. SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Company Law Board has received any complaint against M/s. Mohan Meakin Limited for mismanagement as well as violation of Company Law;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (d). The Company Law Board has intimated that it has not received an complaint against M/s. Mohan Meakin Limited. However, the Government has made a reference to the Company Law Board under Section 408(1) of the Companies Act, 1956 in the light of certain points noticed during inspection of the books of the Company and the matter is sub-judice before the Company Law Board, which is a quasi-judicial authority.

Opening of New Branches of Primary Urban Cooperative Banks

1384. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Primary Urban Cooperative Banks in the country;

(b) the number of new branches allocated during the Seventh Plan period;

(c) whether the Reserve Banks of India had invited proposals for new branches from the Primary Urban Cooperative Banks in April, 1991 for the years 1991-92 to 1993-94;

(d) if so, the policy of the Government in this regard; and

(e) the number of branches likely to be opened during the above period, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR: (a) As at the end of October, 1991, 1351 Primary Urban Co-operative Banks were functioning in the country.

(b) During the branch expansion programme for Seventh Plan (1985-90), 344 Urban Co-operative banks were allotted 395 branches.

(c) te (e). The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had asked Primary Urban Co-operative Banks to submit proposals for opening of branches during 1991-92 to 1993-94 by 30th April, 1991. RBI's policy in this regard is to grant need based branches which are viable and comply with RBI discipline. The proposals submitted by Urban Co-operative Banks will be scrutinised by RBI and based on the prescribed eligibility criteria and the established need of a new bank office at the centre, the branches will be allotted.